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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

This application is a continuation-in-part of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/450,187 filed November 29, 1999. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/450,187 is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 5,992,601 filed February 14, 1997. U.S. Patent No. 5,992,601 claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/011,688 filed February 15, 1996, now abandoned, and 60/018,563 filed May 29, 1996, now abandoned.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies are enclosed of only those references not already of record or cited by the Examiner in a prior related application. For the Examiner's benefit, copies are enclosed for the reference(s) designated A119 through A145 and C16.

The applicants would like to make the Examiner aware of the following applications that are being pursued by the assignee of the present application:

| <u>Application No.</u> | <u>Date Filed</u> | <u>Title</u> |
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| 08/226,660 | 04/12/94 | Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination |
| 08/834,746 | 04/04/97 | Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents |
| 09/126,580 | 07/30/98 | Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents |
| 08/394,752 | 05/12/98 | Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents |
| 09/179,573 | 10/27/98 | Customizable International Note Counter |
| 09/232,093 | 01/15/99 | Intelligent Currency Handling System |
| 09/245,933 | 02/05/99 | Intelligent Currency Handling System |
| 08/962,080 | 10/8/99 | Currency Evaluation and Recording System |
| 09/453,200 | 12/02/99 | Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination and Counting |
| 60/180,965 | 02/08/00 | Method and Apparatus for Detecting Doubled Bills in a Currency Handling Device |
| 60/181,752 | 02/11/00 | Method and Apparatus for Detecting Doubled Bills in a Currency Handling Device |
| 09/502,666 | 02/11/00 | Currency Handling System Having Multiple Output Receptacles |
| 09/503,039 | 02/11/00 | Two Belt Bill Facing Mechanism |
| 09/541,170 | 04/03/00 | Method of Using a Two Pocket Currency Evaluation Device |
| 09/542,487 | 04/03/00 | Method and Apparatus for Document Processing |
| 08/864,423 | 06/13/00 | Method and Apparatus for Document Processing |
| 09/268,175 | 06/16/00 | Color Scanhead and Currency Handling System Employing the Same |
| 09/607,019 | 06/29/00 | Apparatus with Two or More Pockets for Document Processing |
| 09/611,279 | 07/06/00 | Method with Two or More Pockets for Document Processing |
| 08/664,262 | 07/21/00 | Document Discriminating System Using Full Image Scanning and Authentication |
| 08/916,100 | 07/25/00 | Multi-Pocket Currency Discriminator |
| 09/626,324 | 07/26/00 | Currency Handling System Employing an Infrared Authenticating System |
| 09/635,181 | 08/09/00 | Method of Creating Identifiable Smaller Stacks of Currency Bills within a Larger Stack of Currency Bills |
| 09/635,967 | 08/10/00 | Method and Apparatus for Document Processing |
| 09/059,813 | 09/01/00 | An Image Processing Network |
| 09/688,526 | 10/16/00 | Currency Handling System Having Multiple Output Receptacles |
| 09/688,538 | 10/16/00 | Currency Handling System Having Multiple Output Receptacles |
| Unknown Atty. Dkt. No. 47171-00282USC2 | 12/08/00 | Method and Apparatus for Currency Discrimination and Counting |

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information disclosed is, or is considered to be, prior art with respect to the present application or material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56.

The present Information Disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application and hence is believed to be timely in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Accordingly, no fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be deemed necessary (except payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any over payment to Jenkens & Gilchrist Account No. 10-0447/47171-00271.

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